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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN BAN ON HUNTING POLAR BEARS

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1. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT OFFICIALS HAVE PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE NORWEGIAN MORATORIUM ON THE HARVESTING OF POLAR BEARS. POLAR BEARS WERE TOTALLY PROTECTED BY ROYAL RESOLUTION BEGINNING WITH THE HUNTING SEASON IN 1973. THIS PRESERVATION PERIOD DOES RUN OUT AFTER THE 1978 HUNTING SEASON, BUT THE REGULATIONS ARE WORDED SUCH THAT NO BEARS CAN BE TAKEN WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT.

2. THE MINISTRY IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF REVISING MEASURES CONCERNING HUNTING AND FISHING ON SVALBARD (WHERE POLAR BEARS ARE FOUND), AND THESE REGULATIONS WILL BE SUCH THAT ALL WILDLIFE WILL BE PROTECTED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPECIALLY LISTED QUOTE HUNTABLE UNQUOTE TYPES. POLAR BEARS WILL NOT BE LISTED AS HUNTABLE, AND THUS CAN ONLY BE LEGALLY KILLED IN CLEAR SITUATIONS OF SELF DEFENSE. THERE WILL BE OCCASIONS, IN ADDITION, WHERE THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT WILL GIVE DISPENSATION FOR THE KILLING OF A POLAR BEAR IN CONNECTION WITH SCIENTIFIC

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INVESTIGATIONS, BUT THESE CASES WILL BE EXTREMELY LIMITED.

3. NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS POINT OUT THAT SINCE THE PRESERVATION PERIOD HAS BEGUN AN AVERAGE OF LESS THAN FIVE POLAR BEARS PER YEAR HAVE BEEN KILLED. THE GON CONSIDERS THE ABOVE MEASURES TO CONSTITUTE A PERMANENT PRESERVATION REGIME.

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